

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Driver information system comprising an operating device having at least two operational control units and a holding unit with a number of operational control slots each adapted to receive one of the operational control units, and a control device for validating control signals delivered by the operational control units, wherein said operational control units are interchangeably arranged in ~~freely arrangeable with respect to~~ the slots of the holding device, each of said operational control units comprises a transmitting unit, and said control device is associated with a receiving unit in order to receive the control signals provided by the transmitting unit.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The driver information system of claim 1, wherein the transmitting unit transmits said control signals optically to the receiving unit.

4. (currently amended) The driver information system of claim 1, wherein the receiving unit transmits said control signals via radio frequency to the receiving unit.

5. (original) The driver information system of claim 4, wherein said transmitting unit and said receiving unit are adapted for transmitting using the Bluetooth protocol.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) The driver information system of claim 1, wherein each operational unit comprises at least one frame connector which is insertable in an edge-socket-connector provided in each said operational control slot, the control signals being transmitted by wire via said connector-socket.

8. (original) The driver information system of claim 5, wherein said operational control are supported movably relative to each other by the holding unit.

9. (original) The driver information system of claim 1, wherein each operational control unit comprises a mounting member provided at a operational control unit slot and engaging said mounting member detachably.

10. (original) The driver information system of claim 1, wherein said operation control unit is one of an operating element, volume control element, a hard-key element etc..

11. (original) The driver information system of claim 1, wherein operational control units comprise identical cover plates.

12. (currently amended) Driver information system comprising an operating device having at least two operational control units and a holding unit with a number of operational control slots each adapted to receive one of the operational control units, and a control device for validating control signals delivered by the operational control units, each of said operational control units being interchangeably arranged in any one of ~~freely arrangeable with respect to~~ the slots of the holding device, wherein each of said operational control units comprises a transmitting unit for transmitting said control signals wirelessly, and said control device is associated with a receiving unit, in order to wirelessly receive the control signals provided by the transmitting unit.

13. (currently amended) Driver information system comprising an operating device having at least two operational control units and a holding unit with a number of operational control slots each adapted to receive one of the operational control units, and a control device for validating control signals delivered by the operational control units, each of said operational control units being interchangeably arranged in any one of ~~freely arrangeable with respect to~~ the slots of the holding device, wherein each of said operational control units comprises a transmitting unit for transmitting said control signals optically, and said control device is associated with a an

optical receiving unit, in order to receive the control signals provided by the transmitting unit.

14. (currently amended) Driver information system comprising an operating device having at least two operational control units and a holding unit with a number of operational control slots each adapted to receive one of the operational control units, and a control device for validating control signals delivered by the operational control units, each of said operational control units being interchangeably arranged in any one of ~~freely arrangeable with respect to~~ the slots of the holding device, wherein each of said operational control units comprises a transmitting unit for transmitting said control signals by radio frequency, and said control device is associated with a radio frequency receiving unit, in order to receive the control signals provided by the transmitting unit.

15. (new) The driver information system of claim 1, wherein said control signals include identification information identifying each of the operational control units to enable the control device to assign the control signals to the respective transmitting operational control unit.

16. (new) The driver information system of claim 12, wherein said control signals include identification information identifying each of the operational control units to enable the control device to assign the control signals to the respective transmitting operational control unit.

17. (new) The driver information system of claim 13, wherein said control signals include identification information identifying each of the operational control units to enable the control device to assign the control signals to the respective transmitting operational control unit.

18. (new) The driver information system of claim 14, wherein said control signals include identification information identifying each of the operational control units to enable the control device to assign the control signals to the respective transmitting operational control unit.